

ESP IN TEACHING FOREIGN STUDENTS OF ENGINEERING SPECIALITIES (TASKS, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS)

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What is ESP? Evidently, the majority of English teachers know how to decode this abbreviation and they know the definition.

English for specific purposes (ESP) is a sphere of teaching the English language including Business English, Scientific English, English for medical professionals, English for tourism, English for Art Purposes and so on. So ESP can be considered as an avatar of language for specific purposes.

1. ESP is defined to meet specific needs of the learners (Maslow's hierarchy of needs). 2. ESP makes use of underlying methodology and activities of the discipline it serves. 3. ESP is centered on the language appropriate to these activities in terms of grammar, lexis, register, study skills, discourse and genre.

According to the definition ESP is defined to meet specific needs of the learners. In this case – foreign students trained at the engineering departments. The most of them are from the Arab countries, less - from Africa and Asia. The obvious objective of them is getting the diploma in some particular branch without any efforts. It isn't a secret that overwhelming majority of these students have quite poor as an entry educational level as a behavioral level. That's why they were not able to enter any higher educational institutions in their native countries or in developed countries where payment for training is quite expensive and requirements are too high. This situation caused a huge amount of problems. And one of them is how to motivate these students and how to involve them into the educational process.

ESP as a sphere of teaching proposes some useful methodologies and interesting techniques to change the situation. In this connection the experience of foreign countries is of great interest for us. Peter Drucker stressed in his book «The Practice of Management» the importance of such concept as the spirit of an organization. That's why the term «spirit of an organization» is of great interest, particularly in the conditions of the systemic crisis not only in Ukraine [1]. It is the test of an organization that it makes ordinary human beings perform better than they are capable of. It is the test of an organization that it neutralizes the weaknesses of its members [2].

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